

Minutes of the June 11, 2009 Animal Control Commission

The Animal Control Commission met on Thursday June 11, 2009 in the Board of Works room of City Hall.

Members present: Tom Shutes DVM, Kathy Moore, Laura Bartrom, C.J. Jones, Lt. Chris Weaver, LPD and Crystal Saunders, Legal Counsel.

Absent: Jackie Becker and Michelle Warren

Citizens present: George Molnar, Tamzin Rosenwasser, Nancy Allen, Sarah Davis, Kimberly Hitze, Neil Hitze, Peter Caldwell, Patty Brock, Shauna Jones, Robyn Poole, Jeni Watkins, Carol McNally, and Andrea Mullen.

Animal Control Officers present: Josh Klumpe and Monica Alcorn

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Laura Bartrom, Chairman.

Ms. Moore moved to approve the minutes of the March 12th meeting, Mr. Jones. Motion passed.

Lt. Weaver gave the following Animal Control Update: Statistics January to June 2009

- 2119 Animal Complaints logged
- 86 citations= 37-nuisance,20-animal care,24-licensing and 5 abandonment

Mr. Jones gave the following Almost Home Society Report: Statistics January to June 2009

- 780 Animals taken in from the City of Lafayette
- 422 dogs
- 358 cats

There were no reports of other city officials.

NEW BUSINESS

Violation Appeals from citizens:

Esmerada Rodriquez , 804 S 20th St, was sworn in by Crystal Saunders, deputy city attorney. Mrs. Saunders questioned Ms. Rodriquez regarding the violations. Ms. Rodriquez stated she was not home when the ticket was received, she is aware that her dog runs loose as she has done many things to keep him in the yard without success, she did not have current rabies vaccines for the dog and she was unaware the dog needed to be licensed with the city. Ms. Rodriquez said she has registered her dog and gotten the rabies vaccine up to date. Jason Klumpe, Animal Control Officer spoke regarding the

events leading to the citation being written. Mrs. Sanders noted that several calls have been logged into the Lafayette Police Department regarding the animal at this residence. Discussion ensued by members of the commission. Mr. Jones moved to enforce the ticket as written, Ms. Moore seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Mrs. Sanders noted there is a second ticket for appeal written to Rebecca McVey and asked if anyone was present for that ticket. No citizen appeared for this appeal.

Ms. Bartrom presented a recommended amendment to the amended ordinance 2007-14 regarding Animal Foster Care, Update definitions and TNR and stated the commission should work to make changes to the ordinance; the recommendations will then be forwarded to the Lafayette City Council for final approval and adoption.

Ms. Bartrom suggested creating four (4) sub committees of board members and residents to evaluate all issues involved in the making changes.

Subcommittee duties/board

1. Look into state statues/legislation that may impact our ordinances-Jackie Becker
2. Review collaboration with local TNR group, local Vets, Purdue, animal groups, clubs and neighborhood groups to get information re: local spay/neuter programs-C. J Jones
3. Outline additional areas of the ordinance that need addressed and rank priorities for review-Tom Shutes
4. Address/develop/establish guidelines to license/regulate, foster care providers, hobby breeders and exotic breeders and define hoarders.-Kathy Moore

Discussion ensued regarding the ordinance and the process used to develop and make changes. Audio had technical difficulties making portions unavailable.

Ms Bartrom asked citizens who are interested in being on the committees to sign up and leave contact information.

The following citizens spoke during public comment regarding various animal control issues.

George Molnar, West Lafayette, Peter Caldwell, Robin Pool, Patty Brock, Kimberly Hitze , Peggy Martin, Tamzin Rosenwasser, and Monica Alcorn, Animal Control Officer.

With no further business to come before the commission, Ms. Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Shutes seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Limited Audio of the meeting is available on the city website due to technical difficulty some portions may be inaudible. Minute prepared by Sue Scott, Deputy Clerk